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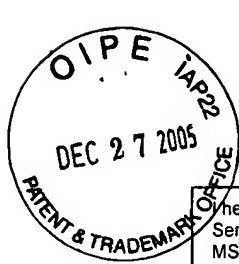
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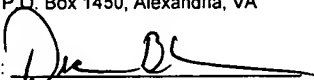
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SENSITIVE ENZYMES

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to a Restriction Requirement dated November 22, 2005, for which a response was due on December 22, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Claims 1-72 are subjected to the following restriction requirement:

- I. Claims 1-23, drawn to a chimeric protein, classified in class 435, subclass 196.
- II. Claims 24-30, drawn to a nucleic acid, classified in class 536, subclass 23.2.

III. Claims 31-49, drawn to a method for assaying sodium ions and a kit for assaying for sodium ions, classified in class 435, subclass 19.

IV. Claims 50-77., drawn to a method for assaying for lithium ions and a kit for assaying for lithium ions, classified in class 435, subclass 19.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of group IV, claims 50-77. Applicant further respectfully traverses the restriction between groups III and IV because these two groups are directed to the identical class and subclass and there is no undue search burden. According, applicant respectfully requests that groups III and IV be joined.

Applicant requests examination of the elected and/or rejoined claims on the merits.

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